

Business
Leaders and
Environmentalists
Agree

“Locomotives and the intercontinental railroad brought commerce to California. High-speed trains will bring a stronger, more efficient economy and nearly a half-million new jobs. High-speed trains offer a way forward.”

Al Smith
*President, Chief Executive Officer,
Greater Fresno Chamber
of Commerce*

“High-speed rail will build a stronger, more efficient economy that brings a half-million new jobs to California. The high-speed train network will help California’s environment and provide a quality transportation alternative by improving our air quality and reducing global warming.”

Bill Allayaud
*State Legislative Director,
Sierra Club,
California Chapter*

High-Speed Train Endorsements*
(Partial List)

Business and Organizations

Antelope Valley Chamber of Commerce
Downtown Visalians and Alliance
Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce
Merced Community College District
Merced County High-Speed Rail Committee
Mission Oaks Company
Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Friends Outreach Society
Rail Passenger Association of California (RailPAC)
Redwood City/San Mateo Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR)
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Train Riders’ Association of California (TRAC)
Tulare Kings Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Visalia Chamber of Commerce
Winslow Properties
Yosemite Valley Railroad Company

Federal/State/Local Agencies
and Interests

Amtrak
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)
Brotherhood of Automotive Engineers and Trainmen
California Conference of Carpenters
Caltrain/Peninsula Joint Powers Board
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
Los Angeles-San Diego Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)
Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
North County Transit District
Operating Engineers Local Union 3
Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Sierra Club
Silicon Valley High-Speed Rail Coalition
State Building Trades Council
Transbay Joint Powers Authority
U.C. Merced
United Transportation Workers, Local 1721

Cities and Counties

California State Association
of Counties (CSAC)
City of Anaheim
City of Bakersfield
City of Escondido
City of Fresno
City of Fullerton
City of Gilroy
City of Irvine
City of Los Angeles
City of Merced
City of Milpitas
City of Morgan Hill
City of Oakland
City of Orange
City of Palmdale
City of Sacramento
City of San Diego
City of San Francisco
City of San Jose
City of Santa Clara
City of Sunnyvale
City of Visalia
Fresno County
Fresno County Council
of Governments
Kern Council of Governments
Kern County
League of California Cities
Los Angeles County
Board of Supervisors
Merced County
Merced County Association
of Governments
Sacramento Area Council
of Governments
San Bernardino Association
of Governments
San Francisco Board
of Supervisors
Town of Los Altos Hills

**As officially noted in the
California High-Speed Rail
Authority Program-Level
Environmental Impact
Report/Environmental
Impact Statement or the
official position of the entity.*



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Electrically propelled, high-speed trains use one-sixth the energy of cars in traffic and one-fourth the energy of airplanes.

High-speed trains would eliminate the CO₂ emissions that cause global warming by 12.4 billion pounds per year versus highway and air travel. That's equivalent to removing a million vehicles from roads, or 11 billion miles traveled each year.

High-speed trains will reduce dependence on foreign oil consumption by up to five million barrels per year.

A Window of Opportunity

Voters overwhelmingly passed transportation bonds last year to expand our roads, improve local transit systems, improve goods movement and relieve traffic congestion. With these resources, new and improved railroad overpasses and underpasses (grade separations) are currently being planned. Rather than construct grade separations twice, a cost-effective approach is to lay the initial groundwork for high-speed rail now, while projects are getting underway.

An Engine for California's Economy

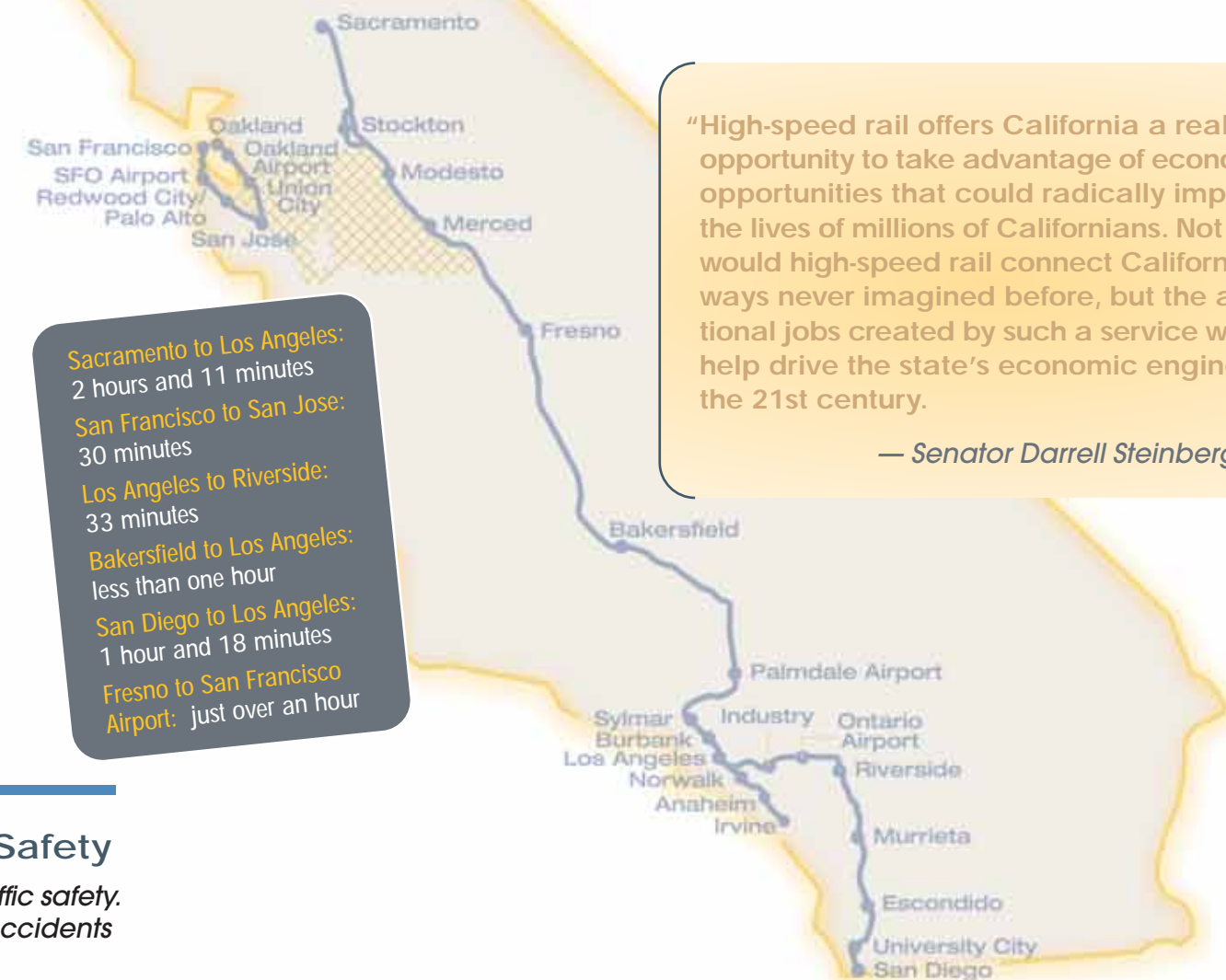
When compared to airports' expansions and new freeways, high-speed trains will move people and goods at half the cost, and offer greater environmental benefits plus increased safety. California's leading business and transportation stakeholders support high-speed trains because the planned system will reduce travel times and costly delays in the distribution of freight and the movement of people.

What's more, building and operating the system will strengthen California's economy, resulting in nearly a half-million new, good paying jobs.

High-Speed Trains = Less Traffic & Increased Safety

"Fewer cars on the road reduces traffic congestion and increases traffic safety. Studies indicate that the train system will mean 10,000 fewer auto accidents on our roads and highways."

— Ronald E. Brummett, Executive Director, Kern Council of Governments



"High-speed rail offers California a real opportunity to take advantage of economic opportunities that could radically improve the lives of millions of Californians. Not only would high-speed rail connect California in ways never imagined before, but the additional jobs created by such a service would help drive the state's economic engine in the 21st century."

— Senator Darrell Steinberg

California's Planned
220 mph High-Speed
Train System will:

Increase mobility
throughout California—
both local commutes and
long distance trips

Boost our economy by
moving people and goods
quicker, safer and cheaper
than we do now

Operate without
government subsidies
Fight traffic congestion

Cut air pollution and reduce
greenhouse gas emissions
that cause global warming

Decrease our
dependence
on foreign oil

High-speed trains deliver predictable, consistent travel times, and safety and comfort for passengers.

- No checking the traffic report.
- No morning commute guessing games.
- No hassle of airport security lines.

Key Taxpayer Safeguards

- Once built, California's system will not require an operating subsidy.
- Operations, maintenance and a portion of the construction costs will be paid for through affordable ticket fares.

Traffic Congestion Relief

California's population will grow to 50 million people in 20 years. Unless we find new transportation solutions, traffic will only get worse. High-speed trains offer a proven alternative.

